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SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE IN WESTERN EUROPE (C-DI-6-50012)

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1. THERE IS NO CENTRAL REPOSITORY, EITHER OFFICIAL OR OTHERWISE, OF DRUG ABUSE STATISTICS IN ITALY. HOWEVER IT IS ESTIMATED BY THE ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,100 HEROIN ADDICTS AND 100 OPIUM ADDICTS IN THE COUNTRY.

2. WHILE THE BASIC LAW ON DRUGS ENACTED LAST DECEMBER PROVIDES FOR TREATMENT CENTERS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN EACH REGION BY THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION NONE HAS BEEN SET UP AS YET. CONSEQUENTLY, AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THERE IS NO OFFICIAL NATION-WIDE DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM IN ITALY. THE ONLY PUBLIC PROGRAMS NOW EXISTING ARE THOSE OPERATED BY A FEW CITIES, NOTABLY ROME, GENOA, MILAN, NAPLES AND TURIN. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ANY CENTRALIZED RECORD KEEPING, STATISTICS REGARDING THE NUMBER BEING TREATED BY SUCH PROGRAMS ARE UNAVAILABLE. MOREOVER, EVEN IN THOSE CITIES NOT ALL ADDICTS ARE TREATED UNDER EXISTING PROGRAMS. IN ROME, FOR INSTANCE, 100 ADDICTS ARE TREATED DAILY AT THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL ILLNESSES WHILE OTHERS ARE REFERRED TO AND TREATED AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT LOCAL HOSPITALS.

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3. THERE ARE NO PRIVATE DRUG ABUSE AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN

ITALY.

4. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF STATISTICS NO ESTIMATE CAN BE
PROVIDED REGARDING THE NUMBER OF HEROIN OR OPIUM ADDICTS NOT
CURRENTLY RECEIVING TREATMENT.VOLPE

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